

# Tabor Mennonite Church

February 23, 2020

## Congregational Announcements

**Another 100 for 100!** Sunday, March 1, is the first Sunday in Lent. We will continue Tabor's practice of collecting items for Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits during the season of Lent again this year. However, this year we are adding a challenge. In celebration of 100 years of the work of MCC, let's bring 100 of each item as designated on the shopping lists that can be found in your mailboxes this morning. Celebrate MCC by giving *in the name of Christ*.

**Pastor Phil will be on sabbatical April 20-July 20.** This is a slight adjustment in dates from the earlier schedule. More details about his sabbatical plans will be in the March newsletter.

**Have you ever wondered what really happens when the adult choir gets together to rehearse?** You have an opportunity to find out! On March 4 I am hosting an "Open Rehearsal." Anyone is welcome to join us that evening. You might be asked to join us in singing some hymns, but you won't be asked to sing a solo! Very light refreshments might be served. We hope to see some of you at 7:30 that evening. We will meet in the Hospitality Hall. ~Marcene Entz, adult choir director

**Support our Mission Partners** Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen. We have received \$1,505 toward our \$1,500 commitment. We will continue to receive special offerings throughout February. A donation box is in the foyer.

**Camp Mennoscah's Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction is March 1!** Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of hymns, fellowship and desserts at Tabor Mennonite Church on March 1 from 4-6pm. Amazing desserts made by camp supporters will be auctioned off to raise funds to renovate our beloved amphitheater used for evening campfires. Bring your singing voices and open wallets!

**Camp Mennoscah:** We're up and running! Our 2020 catalog is out and our online registration is open. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing everyone this summer! The BEST discount is for the summer camp registrations received and paid in full by **March 1**. Go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) and click on Register Online! at the top of the page. *Camp scholarships of \$50 are available from Tabor Church Christian Education Co. Please sign up on the bulletin board and your scholarship will be sent directly to Camp Mennoscah. Also applies to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.*

**The Newton Community Chorale presents Prelude to Spring,** Sunday, March 8 at 7 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Camille Adrian and Emil Schmidt are part of this choir -- attend the concert and hear them sing!

**To All Women** - You are invited to the Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper on Thursday, March 12 at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. The meal starts at 6 pm with the program at 7 pm. Our Special Guest Speaker, Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College, will present "My Journey through Scripture". Reservations (due March 5) are required by calling Darlene @ 316-323-9762 or emailing [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com). Cost is \$10 and payable at the door.

**MDS Opportunity:** Cleo Koop is organizing an MDS trip for Hesston College students. The dates are March 14-21. Cleo is needing someone willing to help with driving a 15 passenger van. Other volunteers would be welcome to join the group for this week. We will be serving in Wharton Tx., the same location the Tabor group will be going to in April. Contact Cleo if you have any questions at [cleo.koop@hesston.edu](mailto:cleo.koop@hesston.edu) or 316-282-0797. Thanks for your help.

**Tabor Mennonite Women** will be having their annual Salad Supper on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church Hospitality Hall. The speaker is Kate Mast from the MCC Center in North Newton and she will be presenting "The Journey of an MCC Comforter". Please bring a salad to share and bring a guest. To coincide with the theme, we will be tying comforters Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. both days. We also need two or three ladies who would be willing to work in the kitchen. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Adrian or Barb Banman.

**Life-Size Foosball!** Tabor Church will be hosting the entire Goessel Community Junior High, 6th-8th graders, for this fun interactive game. Come to the Tabor Church Park on March 29 at 3 pm to see what it's all about.

**LOST SOMETHING?** Check the table of lost and found items in the foyer. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Etc Shop after March 1.

### Opportunities to Help:

—Jerry and Leann Toews granddaughter, Emerson, who was born to Katrina and Aaron Aeschliman in September, has made amazing progress, but continues to receive medical care. While the family is working with their insurance company and the health providers to get as much financial assistance and relief as possible, bills to assist with her birth, care and follow-up treatment continue to mount and have totaled two million dollars. To view the GoFundMe campaign and contribute, please visit the website listed here. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. [https://fundrazr.com/d1cMU9?ref=ab\\_2a6ZwAbAHGn2a6ZwAbAHGn](https://fundrazr.com/d1cMU9?ref=ab_2a6ZwAbAHGn2a6ZwAbAHGn)

***If persons would prefer to give money directly to Katrina and Aaron for Emerson instead of giving on line, that would be wonderful. Make the check out to Katrina Toews and put it in Jerry and Leann's box. They will see that the family receives the gift. Thanks for all the support.***

—Braxton Church, preschool son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, is receiving on-going care for his medical conditions. The family will be traveling regularly to Boston Children's Hospital for his medical treatment. Your prayers for Braxton and his family would be greatly appreciated! You can offer financial assistance to the family for their travel expenses. A fund for the Church Family has been set up at the Citizen's State Bank in Goessel. Checks can be written out to the "Church Family Medical Travel Fund" and received at the bank. A paint party fundraiser is being planned on Sat. Feb. 29 at Asbury Park in Newton. See the "The Art of Giving: Paint Party Fundraiser" flier located on bulletin board. For more information, check out the Braxton's Warrior Club Facebook page at [fb.me/BraxtonMChurch](https://fb.me/BraxtonMChurch) or contact Susan Nafziger at 620-367-4623.

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for church planters and emerging congregations in WDC, that God would bring growth to the seeds of faithful witness in their communities.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher and their family have served with Mennonite Mission Network in South Korea since 2007. Pray for them as they work for God's peace through organizations such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Tonight, the Bethel College and Hesston College choirs team up in a collaborative concert at a local church. Give thanks for strong relationships and partnerships between neighboring sister schools and that students can use their gifts to bless others.

#### Western District Conference:

—**We Own This Now**, a Ted and Company play, looks at love of the land, loss of land, and what it means to "own" something. What if the land you love was stolen? This question and many more address how the Doctrine of Discovery justified the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples and still has harmful implications for today. This show benefits the Kanza Heritage Society. Two performances are available to touch your heart and mind.

—April 19, 7 pm, University United Methodist Church, 2220 N Yale Ave, Wichita - sponsored by Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church and Mennonite Church of the Servant of Wichita, WDC, and others.

—April 26, 4 pm, Flaming Performing Arts Center, Tabor College, Hillsboro - sponsored by First Mennonite Church and Trinity Mennonite Church and Tabor College, all of Hillsboro, Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, MCC Central States, and WDC.

—Tickets: Adults \$20 donation (or pay what you can), Students \$10 donation (or pay what you can), Indigenous people attend at no cost. Get tickets electronically at <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/UFxoCrkBgVt8LJ4Xf7z06J?domain=first-church-of-the-brethren.square.site> or scan the attached QR code, or get paper tickets through a sponsoring church or organization. For questions, contact Kathy Neufeld Dunn at 316-283-6300.

#### Mennonite Central Committee:

—**MCC Centennial Celebration**, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Join MCC for an evening of centennial celebration and giving, *We've Come This Far by Faith*, at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro. Bid on silent auction items and join us for a program celebrating MCC's past 100 years, present and future! Find out more at [mcc.org/events](http://mcc.org/events).

—**Gain work experience with world experience through MCC's SALT (Serving and Learning Together) program!** SALT is a year-long, cross cultural service experience for Christian young adults. The deadline for registration is fast approaching, take a look at the program descriptions available at [mcc.org/salt](http://mcc.org/salt) and prayerfully consider if a year of service through the SALT program is right for you! If you have questions please contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org).

—**You are invited to join the fun at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Comforter Blitz** on March 2, 3 and 4 at Journey Mennonite Church at the Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder. Monday and Tuesday, 9am - 5pm, and Wednesday, 9am - 4pm. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, an organization that supports the work of MCC. For more information check out [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz).

#### Camp Mennoscah:

—**Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** Feb. 28-March 1 and March 6-8. Join in the cropping and crafting!

—**Youth Volunteer Weekend is March 13-14!** Registration is through our summer youth camp registration which opened the beginning of February. This retreat is for grades 7-graduating seniors.

—**Kitchen staff** for summer youth camps needed! Parents can receive a full camper discount for a full camp week—but you don't need to be a parent to volunteer!

—**Pre Junior II needs a nurse!** July 5-9. We are thrilled with the number of people who volunteer or work for a stipend during the summer. Thank you!

Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:

Online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) Telephone: 620-297-3290

Email: [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) Contact: [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)

#### Hesston College:

**Seeing Each Other's Light**, a program of story and song that provides understanding of diverse people, cultures and faith traditions of the Wichita community, will be held at Emanu-El Congregation Reform Synagogue, 7011 E. Central Ave., Wichita, 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. The event is part of Hesston College's Peacing It Together Foundation and is also sponsored by Wichita's Global Faith in Action. The program features Hesston College students and internationally-acclaimed baritone Tony Brown, as well as other members of the Wichita community, including the Emanu-El Klezmer band and congregation choir. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Hesston College Music and Theatre** will present six performances of the musical, *Tuck Everlasting*, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. Show times are 7 p.m. March 4 to 7, with extra 2 p.m. showings on March 7 and 8. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited, so advanced ticket purchase is encouraged at [hesston.edu/bookstore](http://hesston.edu/bookstore) or by calling 620-327-8105. *Tuck Everlasting* is family-friendly and rated G, but due to length is recommended for ages 7 and up.

**Dr. James Juhnke will be the speaker** for the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association on March 8, 2:30 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church. "Mennonite Museum in Uzbekistan" will tell about the history of the Mennonite community that lived for fifty years near the city of Khiva, and how that community is now celebrated in a new museum in Khiva. The Handbell Choir of the Bethel College Mennonite Church will provide music. Election of SMCHA officers for 2020 will be held. Refreshments will be served. No reservations are needed.

#### Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 17 & 18, 2020

[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

—Coins for last Sunday: \$88.37 Fantastic!

—Fellowship meals brought in \$1915.00. We served about 80 persons. Many people gave more than the \$20 donation. Thanks so much.

—Don't forget to put your PRE SALE expense checks in the mail box of a contact person.

—Quilt deadline is March 16. Get your forms on-line.

—5K race forms are on the internet or you can get one from a contact person here at Tabor.

*For more information on all of the above, please see our sale contact persons: Jerry and Leann Toews, Archie and Kristin Schmidt and Eric Litwiller.*